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Subject:

Serial No.	10/017,955	12/14/01
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"LOCALIZED SLOTS FOR STRESS RELIEVE IN COPPER"		
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

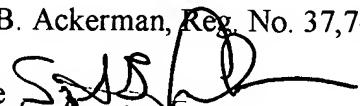
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached proposed replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.